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SUMMARY: J. N. MOORE MET WITH SOME OF LEADERS OF LOS CONF AT
UN 23 OCT. TO DISCUSS VIEWS ON SCHEDULING FORMAL SESSIONS OF
LOS CONF IN 1975. WE HAVE HAD REPORTS OF SUBSTANTIAL

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OPPOSITION TO SPECIFYING SECOND SESSION IN 1975 PRIMARILY
BECAUSE OF BELIEF THAT FIRST SESSION WOULD NOT UNDERTAKE SERIOUS

NEGOTIATION. MOORE EMPHASIZED US VIEWS THAT ADEQUATE TIME MUST BE ALLOWED FOR CONF TO COMPLETE WORK IN 1975. END SUMMARY.

1. JOHN NORTON MOORE HELD SEPARATE MEETINGS IN NEW YORK 23 OCT WITH LOS CONF PRESIDENT AMERASINGHE, UNSYG STAVROPOULOS, TANZANIAN DELOFF (WARIOBA), KENYA DELOFF (NJENGA), AND SINGAPORE PERM REP KOH AND HAD TELECONS WITH COLOMBIAN AMB. ZULETA AND JAPANESE DELOFF (IGUCHI) ABOUT LOS CONF SCHEDULED FOR 1975. IN EACH CONVERSATION MOORE STRESSED ESSENTIALITY OF SCHEDULING SUFFICIENT TIME TO ENABLE LOS CONF TO COMPLETE WORK ON SATISFACTORY BASIS IN 1975. HE URGED INCLUSION OF PROVISION IN UNGA RES PROVIDING FOR TWO EIGHT-WEEK SESSIONS IN 1975 AND REINFORCEMENT OF CONCEPT THAT CONF WOULD CONCLUDE WORK IN 1975.

2. WARIOBA SAID THAT AF GROUP HAS HAD PRELIMINARY MEETING ON THIS QUESTION AND IS UNIFIED IN OPPOSITION TO TWO SESSIONS IN 1975. (COMMENT: SEE KENYA BELOW.) HE CITED AS REASONS THAT MANY SMALL STATES CAN'T COPE WITH CONTINUOUS SERIES OF MEETINGS THROUGHOUT YEAR. FURTHER, WARIOBA SAID THAT TWO SESSIONS WOULD MEAN ONLY JUNIOR PERSONNEL FROM MANY DELEGATIONS WOULD ATTEND THE FIRST SESSION AND THEY WOULD NOT ONLY BE DISINCLINED TO NEGOTIATE; THEY WOULD LACK AUTHORITY TO DO SO. MOORE EMPHASIZED EVEN GREATER DANGER INVOLVED IN HAVING ONLY ONE SESSION IF DELEGATES BECAME AWARE THERE WAS INSUFFICIENT TIME TO CONCLUDE THEIR WORK. HE ADDED THAT IT WAS ILLOGICAL TO SCHEDULE ONLY 8 WEEKS OF WORK FOR CONF TO COMPLETE ITS WORK WHEN 16 WEEKS HAD BEEN NORMAL ROUTINE FOR PREPARATORY SEABEDS COMMITTEE WORK. WARIOBA ACKNOWLEDGED THE DANGER TO NEGOTIATIONS IF DELEGATES BELIEVED THEY COULD NOT COMPLETE WORK WITHIN SCHEDULED PERIOD AND SUGGESTED HAVING COMMITTEES TERMINATE AT END OF GENEVA SESSION AND HAVE DRAFTING COMITE AND PLENARY RECONVENE LATER IN YEAR, "PERHAPS IN NOV-DEC, BUT NOT IN SUMMER." WARIOBA SAID IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT CONF NOT COLLAPSE AND THAT IT PRODUCE SOME AGREEMENT ON BASIC ISSUES. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EVEN IF IMPERFECT, HE SAID, THE DOCUMENT COULD BE AMENDED LATER ON.

3. DESPITE POSITION TAKEN IN KENYA'S GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENT NJENGA AGREED THAT PROVISION SHOULD BE MADE IN UNGA RES TO ALLOW CONF TO RECONVENE ITSELF IT UNABLE TO COMPLETE ITS WORK AT GENEVA SESSION. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THE NECESSITY OF INCLUDING SPECIFIC AUTHORITY IN THE RES TO ALLOW UN TO BUDGET FOR A SUBSEQUENT SESSION AND HIRE INTERPRETERS AND OTHER ASSISTANTS BUT WAS RELUCTANT TO

AGREE TO SPECIFIC MENTION OF DURATION OR SITE. HE BELIEVES LANGUAGE COULD BE FOUND TO ALLOW RECONVENING CONF SESSION IN CARACAS TO COMPLETE ITS WORK.

4. USYG STAVROPOULOS SAID IT WAS ESSENTIAL TO HAVE SECOND SESSION SPECIFICALLY PROVIDED FOR IN RES AND INDICATED HIS PERSONAL OPINION THAT EVEN TWO AND A HALF SESSIONS WOULD BE NECESSARY IN 1975. HE REVIEWED STAFFING PROBLEMS (REFTEL B) AND SAID INTERPRETERS FOR SECOND SESSION WOULD HAVE TO BE HIRED BY MID-NOV IF CARACAS OR VIENNA WAS SITE. (HE ADDED THAT FACILITIES IN VIENNA WERE INADEQUATE AND SAID AUSTRIA WAS "SELFISH" IN MAKING THEIR INVITATION.) SUMMER SESSION IN NY WAS POSSIBLE SINCE FACILITIES ARE READILY AVAILABLE BUT HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT MAJORITY WOULD OPPOSE COMING HERE. HE ALSO SAID THAT IF SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF STATES, ESPECIALLY MAJOR POWERS, MADE IT ABUNDANTLY CLEAR ON UNGA RECORD THAT CONF SHOULD BE ABLE TO RECOVER ITSELF IF IT SO DECIDES, THIS WOULD ENABLE SECRETARIAT TO MAKE PREPARATIONS EVEN WITHOUT SPECIFIC MENTION OF SECOND SESSION IN RES. HE SAID IF MAJORITY WANT TO DO SOMETHING AND IT'S PHYSICALLY POSSIBLE THE "LEGAL ARGUMENTS" AGAINST IT FADE AWAY. HE ALSO SAID THAT IF FIRST SESSION HAS SOME MARKED SUCCESSES NO STATE COULD POSSIBLY OPPOSE RECONVENING. STAVROPOULOS BELIEVES THAT ONLY WAY CONF CAN SUCCEED IN 1975 IS TO GET AGREEMENT ON ECONOMIC ZONE IN FIRST FIVE WEEKS AND THEN TO CONCENTRATE ON TERRITORIAL SEA AND STRAITS.

5. AMB. KOH SAID ARABS, AFRICANS AND LATIN AMERICANS WOULD INSIST ON DELETION OF REFERENCE TO SECOND SESSION IN 1975 IN AMERASINGHE'S DRAFT RES WHEN GROUP OF 77 MEETS ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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25 OCT. HE BELIEVES AMERASINGHE WILL SUCCUMB TO THIS PRESSURE. ACCORDING TO KOH THE LAS ARE ARGUING THAT CONF ITSELF IN CARACAS CLOSED DOOR ON POSSIBILITY OF HOLDING TWO SESSIONS IN 1975. KOH SAID SPECIFIC OPPONENTS WERE NIGERIA, KENYA, EGYPT AND PRC. KOH SPECULATED THAT EGYPT'S MOTIVE MAY BE IDEA THAT OAU MIGHT BE ABLE TO DEVELOP PACKAGE IN 1975 AND GET GROUP OF 77 TO GO ALONG WITH IT. PRC, AND OTHERS, ACCORDING TO KOH, HAVE STATED THERE IS NO REASON TO FINISH IN 1975 AND US DOMESTIC PROBLEMS ARE NO CONCERN OF THEIRS; "US HAS TO MAKE UP THEIR MIND WHETHER THEY ARE MEMBER OF ONTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY OR NOT."

6. AMERASINGHE ACKNOWLEDGED OPPOSITION TO SECOND SESSION FROM AF, LA AND SOME ASIANS AND WAS NOT OPTIMISTIC ABOUT HIS ATTEMPTS TO DISSUADE THEM. HE INTENDS TO TRY AGAIN AT THE GROUP OF 77 MEETING ON 25 OCT (LOS IS FIRST AGENDA ITEM). AMERASINGHE SAID THAT HE INTENDS AT GENEVA TO ALLOW COMITE CHAIRMEN TO ATTEMPT NEGOTIATIONS WITHIN OWN COMITES FOR

FIRST TWO WEEKS AND THEN HE WILL ACTIVELY ENTER THE PROCESS
ACROSS COMITE LINES IF NECESSARY.

7. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATIONS AMB ZULETA, WHO IS CURRENT
CHAIRMAN OF GROUP OF 77, TOLD MOORE THAT HE WAS PERSONALLY
SYMPATHETIC TO PROVIDING ADEQUATE SCHEDULE FOR CONF TO
CONCLUDE ITS WORK. ON 24 OCT EGYPTIAN MISOFF (HASSOUNA)
TOLD USUN MISOFF (REIS) THAT HIS INSTRUCTIONS CALLED FOR
SUPPORT OF ONE SUBSTANTIVE SESSION IN 1975 BUT HE WAS
ALLOWED SOME FLEXIBILITY ON THE MATTER. REIS REVIEWED US
VIEWS ON SCHEDULING BUT HASSOUNA GAVE NO COMMITMENTS.
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